

What is claimed is:

1. In a gaming system comprising a service station and at least a first gaming location, apparatus for enabling communication with the service station and the first gaming location comprising:

an interactive first communication unit operable from the first gaming location, including a first display visible from the first gaming location;

an interactive second communication unit operable from the service station, including a second display visible from the service station; and

a network arranged to transmit data so that messages are displayed on the first display and the second display.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first display comprises touch screen display.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the second display comprises a touch screen display.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first gaming location comprises a gaming machine and wherein the first display is coupled to the gaming machine.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 and further comprising a keypad operable from the gaming location wherein the second display displays a message comprising data entered by the keypad.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first communication unit displays an image on the first display suitable for entry of at least one of numeric data and alphabetic data by touching the first display.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the second communication unit displays an image on the second display suitable for entry of at least one of numeric data and alphabetic data by touching the second display.

8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first display displays a message depending on a preference of a player at the first gaming location.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the system comprises a central authority and a card reader, the card reader being operable from the first gaming location and arranged to read a code from a card entered by the player at the first gaming location, wherein the preference is stored in the central authority and

wherein the preference is accessed in response to the code.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the preference comprises a preference authorizing the player to be located, wherein the second display is arranged to display an identification of the location of the player in response to the code.

11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the identification of the location comprises a map.

12. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first display displays a menu of personal service available.

13. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first display displays a menu of reservation services available.

14. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first display displays a menu of personal message services available.

15. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first display displays a message sent to the first display from the service station.

16. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a central authority, a second gaming location, an